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Auditor of State David A. Vaudt today released an audit report on the Iowa Judicial Retirement System for the year ended June 30, 2005. The System provides retirement, disability and death benefits to judges serving on the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals and the District Courts. The System covered 343 active and retired judges in fiscal year 2005.

The System's net assets held in trust for pension benefits totaled \$81,605,499 at June 30, 2005. The System reported total additions of \$8,582,601 for the year ended June 30, 2005. Additions included \$2,063,391 in interest and dividends, \$2,036,664 from state appropriation, \$1,042,199 from member contributions and a net increase in fair value of investments of \$3,822,816. Deductions for the fiscal year included \$4,992,457 for annuity benefits.

The System's unfunded actuarial accrued liability increased approximately \$2,766,000 during fiscal year 2005, from \$21,101,000 at June 30, 2004 to \$23,867,000 at June 30, 2005, due primarily to a lower than expected rate of return on investments. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability as a percentage of covered payroll increased from 101% for fiscal year 2004 to 115% for fiscal year 2005.

A copy of the audit report is available for review in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's web site at http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/reports.htm.

IOWA JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

JUNE 30, 2005

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System:

We have audited the accompanying statement of plan net assets of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System as of June 30, 2005, and the related statement of changes in plan net assets for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 2, the financial statements present the financial position and changes in financial position of only that portion of the financial reporting entity of the State of Iowa that is attributable to the transactions of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Iowa as of June 30, 2005, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with U.S generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the plan net assets of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System at June 30, 2005, and the changes in plan net assets for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 7 through 9, the Schedule of Funding Progress and the Schedule of Employer Contributions are not required parts of the financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated October 24, 2005 on our consideration of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

WARREN G. JENKINS, CPA

Chief Deputy Auditor of State

DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA Auditor of State

October 24, 2005

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This discussion and analysis of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System provides an overview of the retirement system's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005.

2005 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Plan net assets held in trust for pension benefits increased by \$3.6 million during fiscal year 2005 (FY05). At June 30, 2005, total plan assets were approximately \$83.6 million and total liabilities were approximately \$2 million, resulting in plan net assets held in trust for pension benefits of \$81.6 million.
- Covered payroll, upon which both employee and employer pension contributions are calculated, decreased by \$210,000 from FY04 and totaled \$20.7 million. Employer contributions were unchanged. Member contributions decreased by 0.1%, or \$1,473.
- Net investment income, after all investment-related expenses, was \$5.5 million in FY05 compared to \$9.8 million in FY04. Investment management expenses decreased from \$544,265 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 to \$385,469 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005.
- Total additions for the year resulted in a positive impact to the fund of \$8.5 million compared to a positive impact of \$12.9 million in FY04.
- Pension benefits to members increased by \$112,132. Payments to members totaled approximately \$5 million in FY05.
- Administrative expenses totaled \$7,700 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, as compared to \$4,500 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, an increase of \$3,200.

USING THIS FINANCIAL REPORT

This report reflects the activities of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System as reported in the Statement of Plan Net Assets (see page 13) and the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets (see page 14). These Statements are presented on an accrual basis and reflect all trust activities as incurred. The notes to financial statements are an integral part of the financial statements and include additional information not readily evident in the statements themselves. The required supplementary information following the notes to financial statements provides historical and additional detailed information considered useful in evaluating the condition of the plan.

ANALYSIS OF PLAN NET ASSETS

Tables 1 and 2 present condensed summaries of plan net assets and a breakdown of the changes in plan net assets with comparisons to the previous fiscal year.

PLAN NET ASSETS

Table 1

June 30	<u> 2005</u>	2004	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Increase (Decrease) Percent
Cash and investments Receivables Total assets	\$83,388,705 <u>241,598</u> 83,630,303	78,104,199 <u>4,968,415</u> 83,072,614	5,284,506 (4,726,817) 557,689	6.8% (95.1) 0.7
Total liabilities	2,024,804	5,049,559	(3,024,755)	(59.9)
Plan net assets	\$81,605,499	78,023,055	3,582,444	4.6

Approximately 92% of total assets are investments held to provide retirement, survivor and disability benefits to qualified members and their beneficiaries. Other assets, including cash and cash equivalents, receivables from members and receivables from investment-related transactions, comprise the remaining 8% of total assets. Total assets increased by approximately \$550,000, or 0.7%.

Total liabilities represent current liabilities and consist primarily of amounts owed for investment-related transactions, amounts owed to members or their beneficiaries and amounts owed to contractors and vendors. Total liabilities decreased by \$3 million, or 59.9%, from FY04, due in large part to a decrease in investment-related payables.

CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS

Table 2

Fiscal years ended June 30	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	Increase (Decrease) <u>Amount</u>	Increase (Decrease) Percent
Additions:				
Employer contributions	\$2,039,664	2,039,664	_	0.0%
Member contributions	1,042,199	1,043,672	(1,473)	(0.1)
Net investment income	5,500,738	9,806,669	(4,305,931)	(43.9)
Total additions	8,582,601	12,890,005	(4,307,404)	(33.4)
Deductions:				
Annuity benefits	4,992,457	4,880,325	112,132	2.3
Administrative expenses	7,700	4,500	3,200	71.1
Total deductions	5,000,157	4,884,825	115,332	2.4
Increase in plan net assets	\$3,582,444	8,005,180	(4,422,736)	(55.2)

Uncertain market conditions and a lower than expected rate of return on investments resulted in net investment income of \$5.5 million. Benefits of \$5 million exceeded contributions of \$3.1 million by \$1.9 million for FY05 compared to the \$1.8 million by which benefits exceeded contributions in FY04. This excess of benefits paid relative to contributions received is characteristic of a mature pension plan such as the Iowa Judicial Retirement System. The investment rate of return for the fiscal year was 6.65%.

The following table contains the fiscal year performance of each asset class, benchmark and the Plan's actual asset allocation as of June 30, 2005.

Table 3

Asset Class	Return	Benchmark	Allocation
Large capitalization stocks	3.70%	6.32%	29.41%
Small capitalization stocks	3.93	9.45	14.91
Small capitalization value	12.71	14.38	9.14
Core fixed income	5.81	7.42	30.58
International equities	11.91	13.65	10.05
Cash equivalents	2.07	2.15	<u>5.91</u>
Total	6.65	8.65	100.00%

CONTACTING SYSTEM FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our membership, taxpayers and creditors with a general overview of the System's finances and to demonstrate the System's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Iowa Judicial Retirement System, 1111 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50319.



Financial Statements



Statement of Plan Net Assets

June 30, 2005

Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents		\$	6,502,617
Member contributions receivable			39,559
Receivable for investments sold			202,039
Investments, at fair value:			
Common stock	\$ 51,899,673		
Fixed income securities	24,855,591		
Convertible investments	130,824		76,886,088
Total assets	 		83,630,303
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Liabilities:			
Accounts payable			151,695
Payable for investments purchased			1,873,109
Total liabilities			2,024,804
Net assets held in trust for pension benefits (A schedule			04 50 7 100
of funding progress is presented on page 23)		\$	81,605,499

See notes to financial statements.

See notes to financial statements.

Iowa Judicial Retirement System

Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets

Year ended June 30, 2005

Additions:		
Contributions:		
Members		\$ 1,042,199
Employer - state appropriation		2,039,664
Investment income:		
Interest	\$ 1,463,307	
Dividends	600,084	
Net increase in fair value of investments	3,822,816	
Less investment expense	(385,469)	
Net investment income		 5,500,738
Total additions		8,582,601
Deductions:		
Annuity benefits		4,992,457
Administrative expenses		7,700
Total deductions		5,000,157
Net increase in net assets held in trust for pension benefits		3,582,444
Net assets held in trust for pension benefits:		
Beginning of year		 78,023,055
End of year		\$ 81,605,499

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2005

(1) Plan Description

The Iowa Judicial Retirement System, a single-employer public employee retirement system (PERS), is the administrator of a defined benefit pension plan.

The Iowa Judicial Retirement System was established to provide pension benefits to judges serving on the Supreme Court, the District Courts and the Court of Appeals. The plan's membership as of June 30, 2005 was as follows:

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	142
Terminated members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	10
Current members:	
Fully vested members	149
Non-vested active judges covered by the plan	42

Pursuant to Chapter 602 of the Code of Iowa, a member who has had a total of at least six years of service as a judge of one or more of the above courts and is at least sixty-five years of age or who has served twenty-five years of consecutive service as a judge of one or more of the above courts shall qualify for an annuity. The annual annuity of a judge under this system is an amount equal to three percent of the judge's average annual basic salary for the judge's highest three years as a judge multiplied by the judge's years of service or, for a member who meets the definition of a senior judge under Chapter 602.9202 of the Code of Iowa, three percent of the basic senior judge salary multiplied by the judge's years of service, limited to a specified percentage of the highest basic annual salary or basic senior judge salary, as applicable, which the judge is receiving or had received as of the time the judge or senior judge became separated from service. The specified percentage is as follows: (1) fifty percent for judges who retired prior to July 1, 1998; (2) fifty-two percent for judges who retired and received an annuity on or after July 1, 1998 but before July 1, 2000; (3) fifty-six percent for judges who retired and received an annuity on or after July 1, 2000 but before July 1, 2001; and (4) sixty percent for judges who retire and receive an annuity on or after July 1, 2001.

Any member who has served as a judge for a total of six years or more and is deemed permanently incapacitated, mentally or physically, to perform his/her duties shall be entitled to an annuity that would be the same as computed under a retirement annuity.

Judges contribute to the system at the rate of 5% of their basic salary. The state contributes annually at rates established by statute until the system attains fully funded status, at which time the state shall contribute at a rate necessary to maintain fully funded status. For the year ended June 30, 2005, the state contributed an amount equal to at least 9.71% of the basic salary of all covered judges.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the Iowa Judicial Retirement System has included all funds. The Iowa Judicial Retirement System has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Iowa Judicial Retirement System are such that exclusion would cause the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the System to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Iowa Judicial Retirement System. The Iowa Judicial Retirement System has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

B. Fund Accounting

The Iowa Judicial Retirement System is treated for accounting purposes as a Pension Trust Fund. The operations of the fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts which comprise its assets, liabilities, net assets, additions and deductions.

C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The Iowa Judicial Retirement System's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. System contributions are recognized when due and the System has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents represent cash and money market investments held by the Treasurer of State and cash allocated to the System's investment manager for investment. The System's deposits throughout the year and at year end were entirely covered by federal depository insurance and the State Sinking Fund.

E. Investments

Investments are reported at fair value. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates. Mortgages are valued on the basis of future principal and interest payments and are discounted at prevailing interest rates for similar instruments. The fair value of real estate investments is based on independent appraisals. Investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair value.

The Treasurer of the State of Iowa is responsible for investing the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's funds. The system is authorized by statute to invest in any form of indebtedness issued, assumed or guaranteed by the federal government. In addition, the fund may be invested in a manner consistent with the "Uniform Prudent Investor Act." The act requires that a trustee shall invest and manage trust property as a prudent investor would, by considering the purposes, terms, distribution requirements and other circumstances of the trust. In satisfying this standard, the trustee shall exercise reasonable care, skill and caution.

Investments in government bonds and treasury notes constitute approximately 1.71% of net assets held in trust for pension benefits. The System does not invest in obligations of the State of Iowa or its political subdivisions.

The System spent \$385,469 for investment management expenses, which was .47% of the market value of the net assets held in trust for pension benefits at June 30, 2005.

The System's investments in common stock, fixed income securities, and convertible investments, stated at cost, are \$44,942,753, \$24,526,842 and \$131,952, respectively.

<u>Credit risk</u> - Credit risk is the risk an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations to the Iowa Judicial Retirement System. As of June 30, 2005, the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's fixed income assets that are not government guaranteed represented 69.7% of the fixed income holdings, including collateral for repurchase agreements and securities lending collateral. The following table summarizes the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's fixed income portfolio exposure levels and credit qualities.

Credit Risk-S&P Quality Ratings

Investment Type:	TSY	AGY	AAA	AA	A	ввв	ВВ	<u>B</u>	<u>Not</u> Rated	Total
1) U.S. Fixed Income:	151	AGI	AAA	<u> AA</u>	•	ВВВ	<u> </u>	₽	Kateu	Iotai
A) U.S. Government										
U.S. Government Treasury,										
Notes, Bonds	\$ 1,404,881									1,404,881
2) U.S. Government TIPS	φ 1,404,661	_	1,203,853	_	_	-	-	_	_	1,203,853
B) Mortgage Backed	-	_	1,203,633	_	_	-	-	_	-	1,205,655
Government Pass-Through		4,292,752								4,292,752
,	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	000 121	
2) Corporate Pass-Through	-	-	525,232	-	-	-	-	-	290,131	815,363
C) Collateralized Mortgage Obligations										661.001
1) Government CMO's	-	661,891	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	661,891
2) Corporate CMO's	-	-	1,522,122	-	-	-	-	-	245,020	1,767,142
D) Corporate										
 Corporate Bonds 	-	-	-	-	3,912,928	4,390,920	1,140,979	131,998	-	9,576,825
Corporate Asset Backed	-	-	2,049,094	98,005	-	-	-	-	-	2,147,099
Private Placement	-	-	-	-	-	245,013	403,021	-	-	648,034
Non-U.S. Fixed Income										
A) Developed Markets										
 Developed Government/Sovereign 	-	-	1,393,395	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,393,395
Developed Corporate	-	-	779,118	-	-	-	-	-	-	779,118
B) Emerging Markets										
Emerging Corporate		-	-	-	296,062	-	-	-	-	296,062
Totals	\$ 1,404,881	4,954,643	7,472,814	98,005	4,208,990	4,635,933	1,544,000	131,998	535,151	24,986,415

Concentration of credit risk - Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss that may be attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issue. The Iowa Judicial Retirement System's investment policy states no investment manager shall be permitted to invest more than 5% of its system account in any one corporate issuer without written direction and approval of the Treasurer of State of Iowa.

<u>Interest rate risk</u> - Interest rate risk is the risk changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. This risk is managed within the portfolio using the effective duration methodology. It is widely used in the management of fixed income portfolios in that it quantifies to a much greater degree the risk of interest rate changes. The methodology takes into account optionality on bonds and scales the risk of price changes on bonds depending upon the degree of change in rates and the slope of the yield curve.

Interest Rate Sensitivity-Duration

Investment Type:	Fair Value	Duration
1) U.S. Fixed Income:		
A) U.S. Government		
1) U.S. Government Treasury, Notes, Bonds	\$ 1,404,881	0.82
2) U.S. Government TIPS	1,203,853	2.40
B) Mortgage Backed		
1) Government Pass-Through	4,292,752	2.13
2) Corporate Pass-Through	815,363	3.79
C) Collateralized Mortgage Obligations		
1) Government CMO's	661,891	3.45
2) Corporate CMO's	1,767,142	3.66
D) Corporate		
1) Corporate Bonds	9,576,825	5.86
2) Corporate Asset Backed	2,147,099	3.76
3) Private Placement	648,034	6.05
2) Non-U.S. Fixed Income		
A) Developed Markets		
1) Developed Government/Sovereign	1,393,395	1.95
2) Developed Corporate	779,118	2.39
B) Emerging Markets		
Emerging Corporate	296,062	12.67
Total Invested Assets	\$ 24,986,415	
Portfolio duration		4.06

<u>Foreign currency risk</u> - Foreign currency risk is the risk changes in exchange rates will adversely impact the fair value of an investment. From time to time, the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's external managers may or may not hedge the portfolio's foreign currency exposures with forward foreign exchange contracts, currency options, currency futures or options on currency futures depending on their views on a specific foreign currency relative to the U.S. dollar.

Foreign Currency Risk (Rounded to the nearest thousand)

Currency by Investment		<u>Fixed</u>		
and Fair Value		<u>Income</u>		
Duitiel Deve d Charling	ф	700,000		
British Pound Sterling	\$	790,000		
Canadian Dollar		497,000		
Euro Currency		319,000		
Japanese Yen		252,000		
New Zealand Dollar		105,000		
Swedish Krona		123,000		
Swiss Franc		87,000		
Total	\$	2,173,000		

(3) Annual Pension Cost and Net Pension Obligation

The State's annual pension cost and net pension obligation for the Iowa Judicial Retirement System for the current year were as follows:

Annual required contribution	\$ 4,394,389
Interest on net pension obligation	504,527
Adjustment to annual required contribution	(513,429)
Annual pension cost	4,385,487
Contributions made	 2,039,664
Increase in net pension obligation	2,345,823
Pension obligation beginning of year	3,960,761
Net pension obligation end of year	\$ 6,306,584

For calculation of the net pension obligation, the transition date is July 1, 1995. The net pension obligation was calculated by the actuary as the cumulative difference between the System's annual required contributions and the System's actual contributions for fiscal years 1988 through 2005.

The annual required contribution for the current year was determined as part of the July 1, 2005 actuarial valuation using the projected unit credit actuarial cost method. The actuarial assumptions included (a) 8% investment rate of return and (b) projected salary and inflationary increases of 5% per year. The assumptions included post retirement benefit increases in accordance with the law. The actuarial value of assets was determined using the market value of investments. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized using a level dollar amortization method on an open basis. The remaining amortization period at June 30, 2005 was 30 years.

Three-year trend information:

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						(Assets in Excess
	Year		Annual	Employer	Percentage	of) Net
	Ended	Pension		Contributions	of APC	Pension
	June 30,	Cost (APC)		Made Contributed		Obligation
	2003	\$	4,025,065	2,039,664	51%	1,602,515
	2004		4,397,910	2,039,664	46	3,960,761
	2005		4,385,487	2,039,664	47	6,306,584

(4) Contribution Required and Contribution Made

The contributions to the Iowa Judicial Retirement System were made pursuant to Chapter 602.9104 of the Code of Iowa and were not actuarially determined. Therefore, actual contributions differ from the annual required contribution described in note 3 above, which is actuarially determined.

The member contribution required and contributed was \$1,042,199, representing 5 percent of the current year covered payroll. The state contribution required by statute was \$2,039,664. The state share is to be based on 9.71 percent of the current year covered payroll. Costs of administering the plan are financed through state appropriation, member contributions and investment income.

An actuarial valuation of the System's assets and liabilities is required at least once every four years per Chapter 602.9116 of the Code of Iowa.

(5) Risk Management

State employee benefits for health, dental, long-term disability and life insurance coverage are fully insured through commercial insurers. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage for the prior year and settlements have not exceeded coverage for the past three fiscal years. The State of Iowa self-insures on behalf of its agencies for losses related to workers' compensation, its motor vehicle fleet, property damage and torts.

A contingent fund exists under Section 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa to provide compensation for loss or damage to state property (casualty losses).





Schedule of Funding Progress Required Supplementary Information

For the Last Six Fiscal Years (in Thousands)

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				Actuarial					
		P	Actuarial	Accrued					UAAL/
	Actuarial Value of		Liability		nfunded		Covered	Covered	
	Valuation Assets		(AAL)		L (UAAL)	Funded Ratio	Payroll	Payroll	
	Date		(a)	(b)		(b-a)	(a/b)	(c)	((b-a)/c)
									_
	7/1/2000	\$	71,693	\$ 82,070	\$	10,377	87% \$	19,295	54%
	7/1/2001		72,375	87,800		15,425	82	19,896	78
	7/1/2002		67,707	88,051		20,344	77	19,878	102
	7/1/2003		70,018	93,561		23,543	75	20,712	114
	7/1/2004		78,023	99,124		21,101	79	20,894	101
	7/1/2005		81,605	105,472		23,867	77	20,684	115

The increase in unfunded AAL for the July 1, 2005 valuation was primarily due to a lower than expected rate of return on investments.

See Note 3 for additional information on actuarial valuation.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Schedule of Employer Contributions Required Supplementary Information

For the Last Six Fiscal Years

Year		Annual			
Ended		Required		Actual	Percentage
June 30,	C	Contribution		Contribution	Contribution
2000	\$	2,700,338	\$	4,202,697	156%
2001		3,209,370		4,499,350	140
2002		3,738,659		3,039,198	81
2003		4,024,203		2,039,664	51
2004		4,401,516		2,039,664	46
2005		4,394,389		2,039,664	46

See Note 3 for additional information on actuarial valuation.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

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Government Auditing Standards

To the Members of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated October 24, 2005. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials and employees of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System, citizens of the State of Iowa and other parties to whom the Iowa Judicial Retirement System may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

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